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PAMELA SLOT,

Plaintiff

v.

TOWN OF KINGSTON,

Defendant

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

MAGISTHATE JOGE DELL

TO THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS:

Now comes the defendant, Town of Kingston (the "Defendant"), pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§1441 and 1446, and hereby files notice of the removal of this action from the Superior Court Department of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of Plymouth, where it is currently pending, based upon the following grounds:

- 1. This is an action in which the plaintiff alleges violations of rights secured by the United States Constitution by the defendant, see Complaint (¶15) affixed hereto and incorporated by reference, as well as various state law claims.
- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over the plaintiff's constitutional claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331, and the entire case may be removed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441.
- 3. Removal is timely, as this action was served on the defendant no earlier than October 23, 2003, and the original Notice of Removal was filed on November 21, 2003.

Signed pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

DEFENDANT,

TOWN OF KINGSTON,

By its attorneys,

Joseph L. Tehan, Jr. (BBO# 494020)

Gregg J. Corbo (BBO# 641459)

Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

31 St. James Avenue

Boston, MA 02116 (617) 556-0007

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	I.	Summary of Action		2: 42	J

This is an action for declaratory relief to determine the scope of Plaintiff's rights to a right of way over land owned by Defendant, Town of Kingston.

Parties II.

- Plaintiff, Pamela Slot ("Slot"), is an individual residing at 10 Braintree Avenue, 1. Kingston, Massachusetts.
- Defendant, Town of Kingston ("Town"), is a municipality of the 2. Commonwealth of Massachusetts with a principal place of business at 23 Green Street, Drawer E, Kingston, Massachusetts.

Facts III.

- Slot owns the property located at 10 Braintree Avenue in Kingston ("Property"). 3. The Property abuts Grays Beach Park ("Park"), owned by the Town, to the south.
- The Property is part of a older residential subdivision in which most if not all 4. the lots enjoy a self contained driveway for the passage and parking of motor vehicles. However, the Property, a smaller corner lot abutting the Park, was originally laid out without

a driveway. Instead, the Property enjoys an appurtenant, express right of way "of suitable width for the passage of motor vehicles" over a strip of the Park land abutting the Property's south boundary line ("ROW"). *See* deed dated April 17, 1937 from Remick and Delano, Executors, to the Town of Kingston, recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book, 1724, Page 494, attached as Exhibit A and deed dated June 28, 1984 from Burian et al. to Slot, et al. (Book 5685/Page 26), attached as Exhibit B.

- 5. As shown by the instrument of conveyance (Ex. A), the ROW was reserved for the benefit of the Property (referenced as Lot No. 227, Block 11 on the Assessor's Plan) so as to provide for equivalent rights to that of a driveway, especially since there is no overnight parking allowed on the public ways abutting the Property, Braintree Avenue and Grays Beach Park Road. Since the creation of the ROW in 1937, Slot and her predecessors in title have had the benefit of the ROW for both vehicular access and egress and for daytime and overnight parking. Slot continues to enjoy those same rights, making use of the ROW for the same purpose in the same manner as her predecessors.
- 6. The Town is presently undertaking a project to improve and restore the Park. A component of the Project is the construction of two handicap parking spaces and a ramp on the land encumbered by the ROW. A plan showing the Town's proposed construction on the ROW is attached as Exhibit C. (The location of the handicap spaces are shown as "HC").
- 7. The Town's position is that the ROW does not give Slot the right to daytime and overnight parking on the ROW.
- 8. The planned restoration project for the Park will materially interfere with the use of the ROW by permanently blocking and interfering with vehicular access, egress and parking on the ROW by Slot.

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- 9. For over ten months, since December 2002, Slot has attempted to resolve this dispute with the Town, and has made a reasonable settlement proposal, to no avail. To date, the Town has not even communicated to Slot whether it desires to resolve this matter.
- 10. Moreover, on or about October 20, 2003 only three days after Slot's counsel wrote to request a meeting with the Board of Selectmen the Town and/or its contractors, without any prior notice, demolished a wood shed located on the ROW, which was to be the location of Slot's substitute parking area under the proposed settlement, and was conducting other construction activities immediately near the ROW.

IV. Claims

Count I—Declaratory Judgment

- 11. Slot repeats and realleges all prior allegations.
- 12. An actual controversy exists between the parties as to the scope of the ROW.
- 13. Slot is entitled to a declaratory judgment that the ROW includes the right to vehicular access and egress and for daytime and overnight parking, and that the Park project, as presently proposed, constitutes a material interference with Slot's rights in and to the ROW.

Count II—Regulatory Taking

- 14. Slot repeats and realleges all prior allegations.
- 15. The Town's position that Slot has no right of daytime and overnight parking on the ROW deprives Slot of the full and complete beneficial use of her residential property in contravention of the United States Constitution and the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights.
- 16. As a result thereof, Slot is entitled to full and just compensation and damages, including interest and costs.

V. Jury Claim

17. The Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues.

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WHEREFORE, Slot prays that Judgment enter as follows:

1. As to Count I, that the Court enter a declaratory judgment pursuant to G.L. c. 231A, determining the scope of the ROW, and specifically determining that the ROW includes Slot's right to vehicular access and egress and for daytime and overnight parking, and that the Park project, as presently proposed, constitutes a material interference with Slot's rights in and to the ROW;

- 2. As to Count I, that the Court issue a preliminary and permanent injunction, enjoining and restraining the Town from any interference with Slot's right to vehicular access and egress and for daytime and overnight parking on the ROW, including but not limited to, any construction of handicap ramps and spaces or otherwise on the ROW;
- 3. As to Count II, that the Court enter judgment in Slot's favor for all of her damages, including interest, attorneys' fees and costs;
- 4. Any further relief as is equitable and just.

PAMELA SLOT

By her attorneys

James D. Masterman, Esq. #324000 Richard D. Vetstein, Esq. #637681

Masterman, Culbert & Tully LLP

One Lewis Wharf

Boston, MA 02110

(617) 227-8010

Dated: October 21, 2003

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named Mabel C. Murphy and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed, before me-Joseph G. Schumb Notary Public My commission expires Sept. 10, 1937.

Rec'd Apr. 24, 1937 at 11:30 A. M. & recorded.

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We, ERVIN D. REMICK and RUTH B. DELANO, Executors of the Will of MARCIA D. DEMMON, late of Boston by the power conferred by Clause 10 of the Will of said Marcia D. Demmon, said Will being duly approved and allowed January 14, 1937 by the Probate Court for the County of Suffolk, Case No. 277739 and every other power, for THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOL-LARS paid, grant to TOWN OF KINGSTON, Plymouth County, Massachusetts - A certain lot of land situate at Rocky Nook in said Kingston and bounded as follows: beginning at the most southerly corner thereof by the Old Colony Reilroad and Cushman land; thence North 53° East 27 rods to the end of the wall; thence North 62° West 5½ rods to a rock by the brook; thence North 21° West 11 1/3 rods; thence North 13° West 11 rods to a corner; the last three courses being on the seashore; thence South 69° West 37 rods and 22 links; thence South 55° West 4 rods to the Railroad; thence by the Reilroad Southeasterly about 372 rods to the first bounds, containing six and one-half acres besides the shore, more or less, and including all the seashore bounding thereon. Being the premises conveyed to Marcia Deleno Demmon by deed of Joshua Deleno dated September 16, 1905, and recorded in Plymouth Deeds, Book 933, pages 527, 528 and 529. Reserving however a Right of Way of suitable width for the passage of motor vehicles along the Northwest side of the granted land to the land adjoining, said adjoining land being shown on the Assessors Map of the Town of Kingston as lot No. 227, Block 11. WITNESS our hands and seals this 17th day of April, 1937.

Ervin D. Remick Ruth B. Delano Seal

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk, ss. April 17, 1937. Then personally appeared the above named Ervin D. Remick & Ruth B. Delano and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed, before me-Edwin R. Sparrow Justice of the Peace.

My com. expires Nov. 12, 1937. Rec'd Apr. 24, 1937 at 11:30 A. M. & recorded.

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THE ROCKLAND TRUST COMPANY, of Rockland, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, holder of a mortgage from HOWARD W. COLBURN and EDITH W. COLBURN to said Rockland Trust Company dated September 9, 1925 recorded with Plymouth County Deeds, book 1491, page 214, acknowledges satisfaction of the same. IN WIT-NESS WHEREOF, the said Rockland Trust Company has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed in its name and behalf by James H. Hunt, its Treasurer, this first day of November A. D. 1954.

ROCKLAND TRUST COMPANY by Jas. H. Hunt Treasurer Corporate Seal

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Plymouth, ss. Rockland, November 1, 1934. Then personally appear ed the above-named James H. Hunt, Treasurer, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of the Rockland Trust Company, before me-

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MASSACHUSETTS QUITCLAIM DEED LONG FORM (INDIVIDUAL) 19

We, PETER BURIAN and IRKA Z. BURIAN, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirity
of 6 William Street, Belmont, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

for consideration of \$59,900.00 paid, grant to Tawrence Lee Slot and Famela Slot, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirity, of 10 Braintree Avenue, Kingston, MA 02360

with QUITCLAIM COVENANTS

thelandin Kingston, Flymouth County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, being a certain lot on the seashore at Rocky Nook, so-called, being a portion of the lot shown on the Assessors' Flan of the Town of Kingston as Lot No. 227, Block 11, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a bound set in the ground on said shore in the southeasterly line of said Lot No. 227, and running thence S 59°51'W (true bearing), by land of the Inhabitants of the Town of Kingston, one hundred nine and 65/100 (109.65) feet to a corner:

thence E 25°14'10"E forty-three and 16/100 (43.16) feet to a corner; thence E 58°30'30"E one hundred nineteen and 36/100 (119.36) feet to a corner at the shore; thence S 13°51'50"E forty-seven and 71/100 (47.71) feet to the point of beginning.

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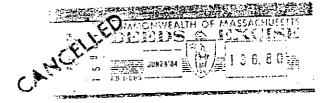
There is also conveyed as appurtenant to the above-described premises a right to pass and re-pass on foot and with vehicles over a twenty-five foot strip lying southwesterly of and adjoining the above-described premises, said right to be used in common with others ontitled thereto.

There is also conveyed as appurtenant to the above-described premises a right of way for the passage of motor vehicles of suitable width, along the northwesterly side of the land conveyed to the Town of Kingston by Irvin D. Remick and Ruth B. Delano, executors of the will of Marcia D. Demmon by deed dated April 17, 1937, recorded with Plymouth Deeds, Book 1724, Page 494, said right of way to be used in common with others lawfully entitled thereto.

The above-described premises are conveyed subject to the following restrictions: no building shall be erected thereon except one dwelling unit for one family with a garage appurtenant thereto.

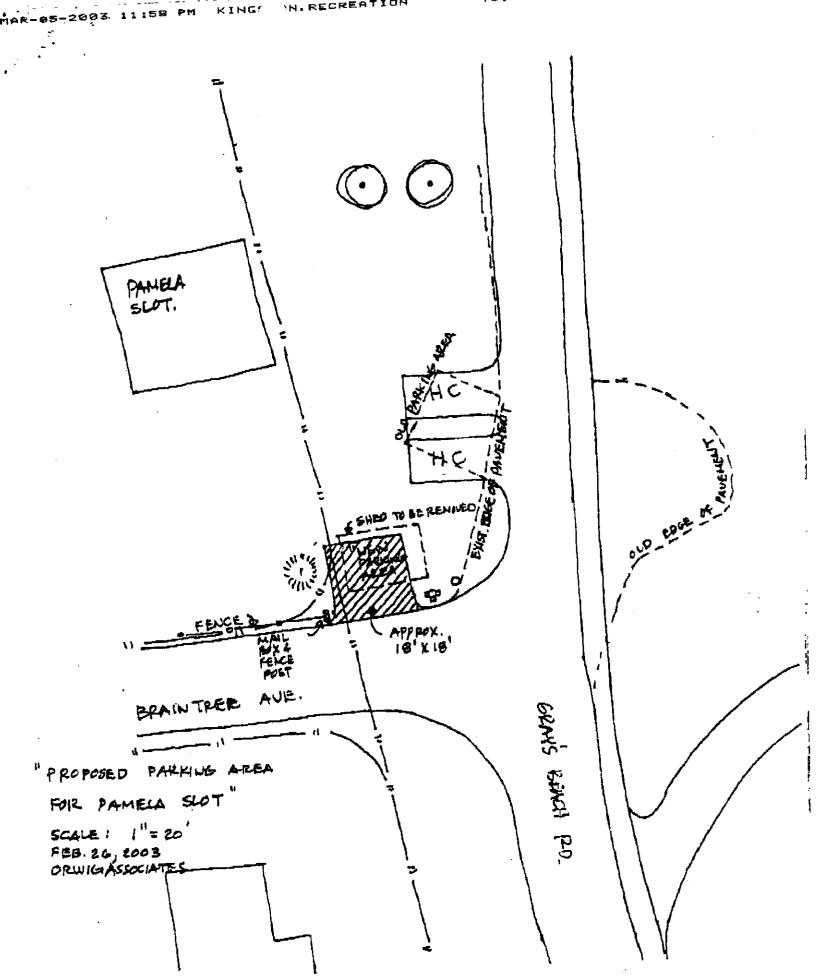
Subject to taking by Town of Mingston regarding Braintree Avenue, dated April 9, 1968, recorded with Flymouth Registry of Deeds, Book 3435, Page 749. See also Plan Book 14, Page 852.

Being the same premises conveyed to us by Peter Hollingworth and Michele I. Donnellan by deed dated December 30, 1982, recorded with said Decds, Book 5271, Page 037.



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PLAINTIFF'S MOTION PPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL PROCESS SERVER

plaintiffs and pursuant to Rule 4(c) of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil ve this Honorable Court for the appointment of J.C. Marchando, Boston, achusetts as special process server in the above-captioned action. Upon , the person to be appointed process server is a constable experienced in is 18 years of age or over and is not a party to this action.

PAMELA SLOT

By her attorneys

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Boston, MA 02110 (617) 227-8010

Dated: October 21, 2003

County of Plymouth The Superior Court

CIVIL DOCKET# PLCV2003-01243-B

RE: Slot v Kingston

TO:James D Masterman, Esquire Masterman Culbert & Tully 1 Lewis Wharf Boston, MA 02110	KINGST	2003 OCT 23	
TRACKING ORDER - A TRACK	S .05	D 2:	Ö

You are hereby notified that this case is on the average (A) track as per Superion Court Standing Order 1-88. The order requires that the various stages of litigation described below must be completed not later than the deadlines indicated.

STAGES OF LITIGATION	DEADLINE
Service of process made and return filed with the Court Response to the complaint filed (also see MRCP 12) All motions under MRCP 12, 19, and 20 filed All motions under MRCP 15 filed All discovery requests and depositions completed All motions under MRCP 56 filed and heard Final pre-trial conference held and firm trial date set Case disposed	01/19/2004 03/19/2004 03/19/2004 01/13/2005 12/09/2005 02/07/2006 06/07/2006 10/20/2006

The final pre-trial deadline is **not the scheduled date of the conference**. You will be notified of that date at a later time.

Counsel for plaintiff must serve this tracking order on defendant before the deadline for filing return of service.

This case is assigned to session B sitting in CtRm 1 (Court Street, Plymouth), Plymouth Superior Court.

Dated: 10/21/2003

Francis R. Powers, Clerk of Courts

BY:

Adam Baler Assistant Clerk

Location: CtRm 1 (Court Street, Plymouth)

Telephone: (508) 747-6911